

NUMBER: 1.1 SUBJECT: WHAT IS A PACKAGE?

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SELF SERVICE

All items exposed for sale in a self service case must be labeled with ALL required information.

EXEMPTIONS

Long Cured Whole Hams in Cloth Bags
Cut Melons(Overwrapped)
Cabbage (Overwrapped)
Grapes-bunches in open top bags
Berries and Cherry Tomatoes in standardized containers
Fruit bowls and gift baskets

- NOTE:
1. Gift baskets of three or more dissimilar elements consisting of fruits, nuts, cheese, candy, or any combination of these items. This does not apply to packages of a single item such as nut bowls OR packages consisting of meat products.
 2. Does not apply to commodities packaged in standard styrofoam, cardboard or plastic trays.

FULL SERVICE

BAKERY--items placed in a full service case that are individually overwrapped with cellophane, trayed and overwrapped, or displayed in clear plastic domes or covers shall not be considered a commodity in package form. Information such as identity, net weight, or total sales price are not required. The retailer may place a total sales price on the item without displaying any additional information.

BAKERY--items placed in a full service case that are "put up" in boxes or containers that do not permit the consumer viewing of the enclosed commodity will be classified as a commodity in package form and appropriately labeled. (Must be sold by weight)

BAKERYBRefer to Policy No. 6.4.2 for further details.

DELI--items shall be classified as a commodity in package form

when "put up" in advance of sale in any type of closed container.

CHEESE--items will be classified as a commodity in package form when the retailer has predetermined the size of the purchase. Other applications such as overwrapped to protect freshness or large amounts of product (wheels, blocks, and the like) are not to be considered a commodity in package form.

Except for ready to eat foods, ALL MEATS, POULTRY, FISH, or SEAFOOD--in any overwrap of cellophane, trayed and overwrapped, or displayed in clear containers, foil bags, or closed boxes shall be classified as a commodity in package form and labeled appropriately.

EXEMPTION: PREPARED ITEMS FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES--items displayed and sold from a full service case which has, a cash register where the transaction takes place AND seating is available to the consumer, shall not be classified as a commodity in package form and shall be exempt from all labeling requirements.

**** Any commodities or situations not covered by the above should be discussed with your Regional Supervisor so that all concerns can be dealt with in a uniform manner.